Plants Red Oak Tree.

At the base of the hill the President got out and planted a red oak tree in commemoration of the day. The spade passed from him to Mrs. Harding, Secretary of State Hughes, Mayor Hylan and Dr. E. Gil-Borges, the Venezuelan Foreign Minister and chairman of the special mission sent here by his country. Four hundred trench helmeted soldiers at attention guarded the spiral path whereby the Presidential party gained the top of the hill. A hundred American sallors and another hundred marlines were posted in front of the bleachers. Back of them waved black and red cockades over the heads of a milliary organization in the uniforms of 1812. These were the Voluntary Artillery Corps, descendants of veterans of the War of 1812.

of her and two policemen to the other.
Mrs. Clausen had a bouquet of flowers and a note reading: "Compilments of the Countess Ida von Clausen to President Harding. Would like to shake your land." Just before the exercises ended the Secret Service men persuaded Mrs. Clausen that Mr. Harding was too pressed for time to do any hand shaking, and walked down the hill with her.

Recrossing Central Park, while the Presidential salute shook the budding trees once more. Mr. Harding and his party found Fifth avenue still crowded. Turning at East Sixty-first street, they rode down Lexington avenue to Fifty-ninth street, and so to the Lighthouse at 111 East Fifty-ninth street. He is honorary chairman of the Association for the Blind, and was recently visited in the White House by Miss Whilfred Hoft, active head of the organization.

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Miss Holt led him to the "President's chair" in the assembly room of the Lighthouse, used by President Taft, who laid the cornerstone of the building in 1911. She and W. I. Scanlan welcomed him briefly, while 200 blind men and women listened eagerly. The President's voice broke as he replied. He said that with "God's help" he could be depended upon always to do anything within his power to further any work that will help compensate the blind by intensifying the "brain light."

When he emerged he had a bouquet of flowers in one hand and a little plaster elephant in the other. The flowers were presented by a blind Camprire girl. Four of her comrades who can see had tried to reach the President with them at the Pennsylvania Station and at the Waldorf, but had been unable to do so. The elephant was modelled by Rocco de Muccho, a young blind sculptor, who died at the Lighthouse just as his work was beginning to iteract attention. The elephant is set on an ash tray of carved wood.

From the Lighthouse, by way of Fifty-ninth street, Fifth avenue and Thirty-first street, the President and Mrs. Harding rode to the Pennsylvania station. Mayor Hylan and Mr. Wanamaker were among those who saw them off. Mrs. Harding chatted with newspaper men. The Mayor, looking rather disturbed, whispered something to her. What it was it is impossible to say, but what she said to the Mayor was "because I like them."

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Secretary Hughes and the Venezuelan party preceded the Harding party to New York by an hour. When the Presi-dent and his wife reached the Waldorf Thirty-third street was packed, except for a space cleared by the police.

### HARDING'S RETURN RAPID.

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### VENEZUELANS ARE **GUESTS AT DINNER**

John Bassett Moore Discusses American System.

"In all times and places there have been those possessed of a passion for the making of treaties," he said. "But the American system was never defined in a treaty and never had a conventional basis. Noncontentious in its origin, it says not incorporated in conventional stipulations whose interpretation might either drive friends to fall out and quarral or give the regimes in support

derstandings."

The dinner was attended by about 400 persons, including, in addition to Dr. Gil-Borges and the members of the mission, H. E. Thomas, A. Le Breton, Argentine Ambassador; H. E. Beltram Mathieu, Chilean Ambassador; Frederico A. H. E. Pezet, Peruvian Ambassador; H. E. Augusto Cochrane de Alencar, Brazilian Ambassador; Dr. Santos A. Dominici, Venezuelan Minister; John Barrett, former director-general of the Brazilian Amoassador; Dr. Santos A. Dominici, Venezuelan Minister; John Barrett, former director-general of the Pan-American Union; Rear Admiral H. P. Huse. Major-Gen. R. L. Bullard, the Rev. Father Francis P. Duffy and Job E. Hedges. Mrs. Sally James Farnham, sculptress of the Bolivar statue, sat in the gallery.

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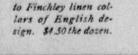
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